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**Nevada Statewide Independent Living Council (NV SILC)**

**MINUTES**

**Date and Time of Meeting:**

Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

**Location of Meeting:**

This meeting will be held via videoconference only:

The public may observe this meeting and provide public comment on Zoom.

**MINUTES**

1. **Welcome, Roll Call, and Introductions:**

Members Present: Julie Weissman-Steinbaugh, Peter Whittingham, Jennifer, Dee Dee Foremaster, Mary Evilsizer, Obioma Officer, Jennifer Kane

Members Absent: Linda Vejvoda, Ace Patrick,

Members Excused Absent: Sabra McWhirter Clark,

Guests: Margaret Marcucci, Andrew Davis, Sajivan Stalworth, Cheyenne Pasquale, Jeff Duncan

CART: Becky Van Auken

1. **Beginning Public Comment:**

No public Comment.

1. **For Possible Action:** Approval of Minutes from April 10 & 11, 2024.

Mary Evilsizer motioned to approve the draft minutes. Peter Whittingham seconded the motion. Members voted and the motion was carried.

1. **For Information**:

Member Introductions and Public Introductions from Individuals Interested in Council Membership and Member Announcements.

Dawn Lyons stated that, as of June 11th, they are onboarding a new Youth Outreach Specialist named Sejahvon Stallworth (Voni).

Julie Weissman-Steinbaugh will be applying for a second SILC membership term.

Dee Dee Foremaster has applied for a second term

Margaret Marcucci has applied for a first term as a SILC member

Havander Davis will be applying for a second term.

1. **For Possible Action:**

Discussion and Possible Approval of the Revised Draft Federal Fiscal Year 25-27 State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) to Be Submitted to the Administration for Community Living

Julie Weissman-Steinbaugh, Chair

Dawn presented the revised draft of the Federal Fiscal Years 25 through 27 State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL), incorporating feedback from various entities including the DSE and CILs. The Council agreed to finalize this draft by the end of the month. Dawn proposed several changes, including clarifying compliance with Section 725, updating project objectives, and defining relationships with other entities. The members voted to approve these changes, with some modifications, and highlighted the need for additional staff support and funding. The discussion also included inviting John Rosenlund to provide suggestions on the project's financial plan narrative. Dawn will implement John’s feedback and suggestions of verbiage.

Dawn proposed modifications to a section concerning fiscal management and monitoring of expenditures by the Designated State Entity (DSE). The team agreed to eliminate a section on non-federal funds for disallowed expenditures, while also adding a new provision to strengthen accountability. Dawn also discussed an existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between ADSD and SILC and clarified the language in their agreement to allow either party to terminate or update it with 30-day notice. Finally, Dawn proposed a shift in certain responsibilities from the previous SPIL to the DSE, along with suggestions for handling potential conflicts between state administrative policies and the SILC's operations.

It was agreed to add a reference to the Deputy Attorney General as well as the ACL in their conflict resolution process, acknowledging the need for neutral consultations. The SILC also deliberated on adjustments to their grant process, including a new policy for auditing subawards within two years of a project's end date. Finally, the team confirmed their adherence to both state and federal laws; while clarifying the scope of information they would include in their document.

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| Dee Dee Foremaster expressed concerns over the Rural Center for Independent Living (RCIL)'s exclusion from the network despite compliance with core requirements for a CIL. Dawn proposed revising the language to acknowledge the center's preliminary compliance and ongoing evaluation, while also emphasizing the need for further research. There was also discussion on the need for improved communication and cooperation within the team, particularly between Northern and Southern CIL’s. The group also discussed the important role played by CIL’s in serving vulnerable populations and agreed to affirm their support for CILs' work in their executive summaries, while also emphasizing the importance of not making unconfirmed claims about their contributions. Lastly, a perceived personal attack from a member of the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) was addressed, and changes to the SILC's executive summary were agreed upon.  Dawn to submit the revised SPIL to the Administration for Community Living (ACL) by the end of the month.  Mary Evilsizer motioned to approve the SPIL per the recommendations as discussed for fiscal year 25 through 27 for submission to ACL upon completion. Vickie Essner seconded. The members voted and the motion carried.  This document is available on the SILC’s website: [SILC Annual Meeting Day 1 - Nevada SILC (nvsilc.com)](https://www.nvsilc.com/meetings/silc-annual-meeting-day-1/) |

1. **For Possible Action:**

Discussion and Approval of Future Meeting Agenda Items and Meeting Date: July 10 & 11, 2024

Julie Weissman-Steinbaugh, Chair

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Presentation by Christopher Hovis from Southwest Airlines to discuss traveling for people with disabilities. He spoke at the DD Council.

An ACL presentation on the policies and procedures to set up Part B centers for the SILC to learn and follow that guidance.

New member onboarding training.

Training for existing members.

Dave White Junior to speak

1. **Ending Public Comment:**

Mary Evilsizer announced that Disability Awareness Day will be October 5th, and invitations are being sent out.

Peter Whittingham announced that the Down’s Syndrome Organization of Nevada is proud to present their own rendition of the Lion King at 5:00 pm on Sunday, June 21st at the the Kitty Rodman Event and Multipurpose Center at Opportunity

Village’s Ralph and Betty Engelstad Campus, 6050 S. Buffalo Drive in Las Vegas. They have 40 cast members from the disability community on stage as well as backstage.

1. **Adjournment (For Possible Action):**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:54 pm.

**Accommodation Requests and Meeting Materials:**

* Supporting public material provided to the Nevada Statewide Independent Living Council members for this meeting may be requested from Dawn Lyons at [dlyons@adsd.nv.gov](mailto:dlyons@adsd.nv.gov) and is/will be available at any meeting locations and the SILC website <https://www.nvsilc.com/meetings/>

**AGENDA POSTED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:**

Notice of this meeting was posted at the following Aging and Disability Services Office at 7150 Pollock Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89119. Notice of this meeting was posted on the Internet through the Statewide Independent Living Council website at <https://www.nvsilc.com/> and Nevada Public Notices website at [https://notice.nv.gov](https://www.bing.com/ck/a?!&&p=e92e5499cb272963JmltdHM9MTY4NjYxNDQwMCZpZ3VpZD0xNGI5ODlmZS05NDliLTZhNGQtMDE3Yi05YjkyOTUxZjZiNTgmaW5zaWQ9NTE4Ng&ptn=3&hsh=3&fclid=14b989fe-949b-6a4d-017b-9b92951f6b58&psq=nevada+public+posting&u=a1aHR0cHM6Ly9ub3RpY2UubnYuZ292Lw&ntb=1)